

3 September 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 3 September 1968

Godfrey advised that Friday's Vietnam Situation Report and [redacted] provide a summary of enemy infiltration figures for August, which suggest a definitive reduction in the rate of infiltration.

Godfrey reported that there is nothing to corroborate the Reuters report of a meeting of the Soviet Central Committee in Moscow.

DDCI commented that the Czechoslovak Situation Reports over the holiday weekend were very well done.

D/ONE noted that a memorandum on the ramifications of the Czechoslovak situation in Eastern Europe was prepared but that the Board decided not to circulate it.

D/ONE advised that the NIE on Eastern Europe has been delayed for obvious reasons but that it is hoped it will be back on the track within the next two weeks.

DD/S drew attention to Air America contingency planning, which is going forward in the event that a significant future change in the Southeast Asian political situation should require much lower and altered visibility on the part of Air America. [redacted]

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Allen for Carver noted that he has no original wisdom to shed light on why enemy military activity in South Vietnam has not yet taken on any dramatic form or thrust.

Bross advised that General Maxwell Taylor is prepared to await the issuance of NIE 11-8-68 before dealing with the status of Soviet submarine development.

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DD/P noted the heavy agenda for this afternoon's 303 Meeting, and the Executive Director asked that our people who will be involved in presenting the Vietnam item to 303 be sure to note the need to include any post-FY 69 expenditures on this project in the Agency's regular budget.



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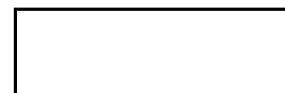
DDCI drew attention to the recent elections in Bangkok in which the opposition won twenty-two out of twenty-four seats, which suggests that the government party is in a state of serious disarray.

The Director asked Godfrey what has been done about the State paper on Czechoslovakia to be tabled at tomorrow's National Security Council meeting, and Godfrey responded that the paper is so vapid as to defy useful and constructive comment. Godfrey indicated that we have prepared our own comments on the issues supposedly treated by the State paper. The Director said that he will review our statement with a view toward its circulation to NSC principals.

The Director queried concerning DD/S's report on Agency space utilization. DD/S noted his hope that economies can be realized in the use of space and advised that increases which may be required in special purpose space will be absorbed by decreasing a proportional amount of office space.

The Director asked about progress being made in the reassignment of BALPA returnees. The Executive Director advised that a consolidated Agency report has just been received which indicates that reassignments are proceeding apace and that only some seventy or eighty individuals remain to be assigned.

DDCI informed the Director that State has circulated a contingency plan in the event of a Soviet invasion of Rumania and that a summary is available for the Director's review.



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